

## **AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following rewritten paragraph.**

[0004] Palletized goods are commonly displayed for sale to customers of a business establishment. Displaying goods for sale in this manner is a convenience for business establishments or operators as a large quantity of merchandise can easily be transported out of a stock area utilizing a pallet jack or fork lift and placed with discretion around a store without further handling or arranging of the merchandise. This type of product merchandising is a convenience to store operators and sometimes creates unpleasant effects and poses dangers to its customers. The above described U.S. Patent No. ~~5,408,768~~ 6,408,768 shows a pallet guard which can be arranged around the bottom of the pallet to create a quick and inexpensive pleasing visual effect and also to protect customers from injury by the exposed portions of the pallet and protect merchandise from stock carts and shopping carts, which leads to trips and falls over spilled or damaged merchandise and unsaleable merchandise. The pallet guard is arranged around the pallet or merchandise and can be adjusted to the size of the pallet or area of merchandise.

**Please replace paragraph [0074] with the following rewritten paragraph.**

[0074] Figs. 19-22 show another embodiment of a pallet guard according to the invention. Fig. 19 shows the pallet guard comprising pallet guard module sections 1 comprising two sections 20 and a middle section 10. The module sections 1 are coupled by a pivotable joint section [[20]] 30, shown in more detail in Figs. 21 and 22. Fig. 20 shows the pallet guard extending around a plurality of pallets, such that one of the joint sections 30 is pivoted to an in-line position. Fig. 21 shows details of the sections of the pallet guard showing how each module section 1 has a telescoping slidable inner member 10 which slides within at least one of two adjacent outer members 20 so it is adjustable to the side of the pallet. A hinge 25 is provided which is hinged at a joint section 30 which is slidable within the two adjacent members 20. The corner can rotate through an angle of 90° as shown in Fig. 22 (straight line to corner connection).

**Please replace paragraph [0083] with the following rewritten paragraph.**

[0083] Fig. 32 shows how the sections 200 and 202 are joined to make a straight in-line connection. The channel 214 is adapted to slide over the projection 216 to hold the sections 200 and 202 in an in-line connection. This is shown in an exploded view in Fig. 33. The section 210

is not used when making an in-line connection or when the pallet guard is used as a linear barrier to protect goods stored in a rack.[].]